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 Serial No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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 For: Optical-Fiber Connector and Method of Connection to the End of Optical-Fiber-Cable

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified United States National Stage patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-5 without prejudice and insert claims 6-9 therefore.

--6. An optical fiber connector attachable to a fiber optic cable, the optical fiber connector having a factory polished end face and comprising:

a ferrule having a piece of an optical fiber previously secured therein, the piece of optical fiber extending from the ferrule in a rearward direction for fusion splicing to the fiber optic cable;

a ferrule holder removably attached to the ferrule to allow the piece of optical fiber